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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 0054

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, BG
SUBJ: FAROOK REMAINS IN CUSTODY

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1. COLONEL FAROOK REMAINS IN CUSTODY IN CANTONMENT
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US FROM A NUMBER
OF SOURCES. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY (ALTHOUGH STILL
POSSIBLE) THAT HE WILL BE RETURNED TO BANGKOK ON
THAI AIRWAYS FLIGHT LEAVING EVENING OF JANUARY 4.

2. OBSERVERS ARE STILL UNSURE OF REASON FOR HIS SUDDEN
RETURN TO BANGLADESH. ILL HEALTH OF PARENTS IS, OF
COURSE, VALID REASON IN LOCAL CONTEXT WHERE SONS
HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WELFARE OF PARENTS.
NONETHELESS, TIMING OF RETURN ON SAME DAY ZIA DE-
PARTED FOR PEKING RAISES SPECULATION THAT HE MAY HAVE
HOPED FOR SUPPORT FROM PORTIONS OF MILITARY HERE IN AN
EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH HIS GOALS OF AUGUST, 1975, WHEN HE
LED REVOLT AGAINST MUJIB. THIS AND THE REPORTS THAT
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HE HAS DEMANDED THAT HE BE PUT ON TRIAL FITS INWITH
BRAVADO FAROOK DISPLAYED WHEN HE WROTE WELL PUBLICIZED
LETTER PUBLISHED IN LONDON SUNDAY TIMES MAY 30, 1976,
UNDER HEADLINE "I HELPED TO KILL MUJIB, DARE YOU PUT ME
ON TRIAL?"

3. AT THIS POINT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED

SUPPORT FROM MILITARY. WHETHER HIS ALLEGED DESIRE TO BE TRIED WILL BE MET IS NOT CERTAIN, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT BDG WOULD WISH TO UPSET RELATIVE TRANQUILITY OF COUNTRY BY SOMETHING SO DRAMATIC AS THE TRIAL OF ONE OF MUJIB'S ADMITTED MURDERERS.

4. AT PRESS LUNCHEON JANUARY 4 SOME EDITORS COMPLAINED ABOUT BDG ORDER NOT TO PUBLISH NEWS OF FAROOK'S ARRIVAL. HOWEVER, EVEN THEY ADMITTED UNSETTLING NATURE OF NEWS AND SOME COMMENTED THAT LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT QUIET IN WHICH THEY ARE NOW ABLE TO OPERATE MIGHT BE DISTURBED BY ACTIONS TAKEN FOR OR AGAINST AN UNWELCOME INTRUDER.
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